Admission of poor students in public schools

†3396. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the fact that the public schools are established purchasing land on cheaper rates;

(b) if so, whether any condition of admission of poor children is imposed on these institutes which are provided land, if so, the details of condition thereof;

(c) whether complaints have also been received to this effects that these conditions are not being complied with; if so, the places from where such complaints have been received and the number thereof; and

(d) whether any effective action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) The Affiliation Bye Laws of CBSE do not contain any provision for imposing conditions on institutions which are provided land by the State/ Union Territory governments on concessional rates. Such conditions are imposed by the respective State/UT Governments allotting land on concessional rates and these conditions vary from place to place. The monitoring and enforcement of the conditions imposed are the responsibility of the State/UT Governments concerned. On the basis of direction of the Delhi high Court dated 20.01.2004 to frame rules to provide 20 percent freeship for children of economically weaker section in unaided private schools, which have been allotted land by the Government agencies, the Directorate of Education of Government of NCT of Delhi had issued an order dated 27.04.2004. On the basis of a fresh direction from the High Court, Government of NCT of Delhi issued a fresh notification on 25.1.2007 regarding provision of free seats to the extent of not less than 20% of total seats. The matter is sub judice.

Students benefited under Fulbright Programme

3397. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government propose to become a funding partner in US Fulbright Programme;

(b) if so, the details of the programme; and

(c) the number of Indian students expected to be benefited under this programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Amount released under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

3398. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as on 10th November 2006, the total amount released during 2006-07 under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) was only 38 per cent of the total outlay approved for the year;

(b) if so, the reasons for low releases during the year;

(c) the details of the constraints/bottlenecks; if any, faced in achieving the approved outlays and the measures taken to address the lacunae; and

(d) the reasons that culminated into low disbursals in states of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, H.P., Manipur and Pondicherry which received only 33 per cent, 22 per cent, 26 per cent, 0.14 per cent and 0 per cent respectively, of the overall outlays?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) In 2006-07 against an available budget of Rs. 11000 crore, funds to the tune of Rs. 7946.04 Crore were released under the SSA programme, representing 72.23%. Funds are released to States/UTs keeping in view unspent balances and receipt of matching the State shares.

Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh & Pondicherry had significant amount of carry forward of funds from the previous year which